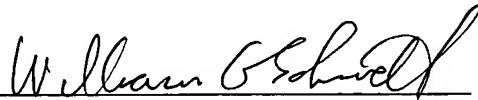


REMARKS

These amendments are made to correct clerical errors and not for any reason of patentability. No new matter has been added by this amendment. Consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee due for this amendment to **Deposit Account 02-0429 (564-24872-US)**.

Respectfully submitted,



Dated: January 27, 2004

William E. Schmidt, Reg. No. 47,064
Madan, Mossman & Sriram, P.C.
2603 Augusta Suite 700
Houston, Texas 77057-5638
Tel: (713) 266-1130, ext. 121
Fax: (713) 266-8510
Attorney For Applicants